

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment submitted on 08/31/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 10, 12-17 and 19-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 20071112.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


THUY V. TRAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the Applicants' amendment submitted on 08/31/2007.

In virtue of this amendment, claims 9, 11, and 18 are canceled, claims 20-21 are newly added, and thus, claims 1-8, 10, 12-17, and 19-22 are now presented in the instant application.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-8, 10, 12-17, and 19-22 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to disclose or fairly suggest:

- A method for providing bi-state power operation of a HID lamp system wherein the first modulation signal and the second modulation signal comprise square wave signals alternated with a zero signal, and wherein the first and second modulation signals are applied to the driver circuit to generate a low frequency drive signal, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 1 (claims 2-8 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 1);
- A method for providing bi-state power operation of a HID lamp system wherein the first modulation signal and the second modulation signal comprise square wave signals having the same frequency but opposite phase and wherein the first and second modulation signals are simultaneously applied to the driver circuit to generate a high-frequency drive signal, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 10;

- A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for providing bi-state power operation of a HID lamp system comprising computer readable code for determining a power mode control selection, and computer readable code for producing a first modulation signal and a second modulation signal for enabling a driver circuit to generate a driving signal based on the determined power mode control selection; wherein the first modulation signal and the second modulation signal comprise at least one of square wave signals alternated with zero signal for generating a low frequency drive signal, and square wave signals having the same frequency but opposite phase for generating a high frequency drive signal, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 12 (claims 13-17 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 12);
- A system to provide bi-state power operation of an HID lamp system wherein the first modulation signal and the second modulation signal comprise at least one of square wave signals alternated with zero signal for generating a low frequency drive signal, and square wave signals having the same frequency but opposite phase for generating a high frequency drive signal, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 19 (claim 20 is allowed since it is dependent on claim 19); and
- A system to provide bi-state power operation of an HID lamp system wherein the first modulation signal and the second modulation signal comprise at least one of square wave signals alternated with zero signal for generating a low frequency drive signal, and square wave signals having the same frequency but opposite phase for

generating a high frequency drive signal, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 21 (claim 22 is allowed since it is dependent on claim 21).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Comments on drawings

3. The "Replacement Sheets" of drawings including Figs. 1-2 and 4 submitted on 08/31/2007 are accepted.
4. However, upon a careful review, the drawings are still objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because, in Fig. 3, reference character "130" has been used to designate both "the half-bridge inverter" (shown underneath the switching elements [T1, T2, D1, D2]) and "the lamp". Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

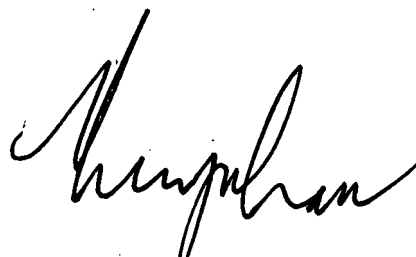
Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy V. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM -4:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Owens Douglas can be reached on (571) 272-1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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